(c) whether the new system would take into account the special requirements for the millennium leading to an era of a new generation of reforms; and

(d) by when the new selection process is likely to be put in place?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (d) No, Sir. There is no proposal to revise the method of recruitment to the All India Services. However, the Union Public Service Commission has appointed a Committee under the Chairmanship of Prof. Y. K. Alagh to review the present scheme of Examination for the Combined Civil Services Examination. This does not include the Indian Forest Service. The present review has been undertaken keeping in view the changes in administrative environment, liberalization, globalization, technological advancements and changing role of the State and the bureaucracy. The Government is yet to receive recommendations of Union Public Service Commission.

Steps for preservation of food

†*243. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Food Corporation of India was established for the preservation of food;

(b) if so, whether the Food Corporation of India has not been able to achieve the objective;

(c) if so, whether Government are considering to take some steps for the preservation of food; and

(d) if so, by when and the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI SHANTA KUMAR): (a) to (d) The Food Corporation of India (FCI) has been established under the Food Corporation Act, 1964. Section 13 of the said Act provides, *inter alia*, that it shall be the primary duty of the FCI to undertake the purchase, storage, movement, transport, distribution and sale of foodgrains and other foodstuffs. The foodgrains procured by the FCI are stored on scientific lines.

Implementation of ESIC programme

*244. V. V. RAGHAVAN:
SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the steps taken by the Employees State Insurance Corporation (ESIC) to implement the programme it had drawn up for the Golden Jubilee year;

(b) what is the aggregate amount the insurers are to get as on the 31st March, 2001;

(c) what amount would be disbursed during the Golden Jubilee year; and

(d) how many model hospitals would be set up on the basis of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) The ESI Corporation has approved the following activities to be undertaken during the Golden Jubilee Year.

(i) *National Level Activities:*—

A Seminar on Social Security to be held around 24th February, 2002 at New Delhi.

(ii) *Zonal Level Activities:*—

Seminars on Social Security for Unorganised Sector at Calcutta, Multi-speciality Medical Conference for ESIC/ESIS Doctors at Mumbai and Role of Health Insurance in Social Security in Bangalore.

The Seminars at Calcutta and Mumbai have already been organized, while the one at Bangalore will be organized shortly.